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<p>Published With international search report.</p> <p>(54) Title: TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A tissue connector assembly comprising a clip movable between an open configuration and a closed configuration and a mechanical restraining device attached to the clip for restraining the clip in its open configuration. A needle may be releasably attached to the clip. A flexible member may also interconnect the clip and the needle. In one embodiment, a plurality of strands are releasably attachable to the clip for restraining the clip in its open configuration. A method for connecting tissues is also disclosed.</p>			